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HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION 6000 BLOCK OF EAST HAMPTON STREET

The Tucson Police Department is investigating a homicide that occurred early this morning at a residence in the 6000 block of East Hampton Street.

Just after 9:00 a.m., officers from Operations Division East responded to the residence after receiving a 911 call about a family fight involving a weapon. Upon arrival, officers detained an adult male who exited the residence. Once inside, officers located an adult male who had been stabbed in the chest with a large hunting knife. Tucson Fire immediately transported the victim to Banner University Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased.

Homicide Detectives responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They were able to determine that a verbal altercation had taken place between a stepfather and stepson. During the argument, the stepson stabbed his stepfather in the chest with the knife. The stepson was the individual detained by officers when they first arrived. The victim's spouse was inside the home during the altercation along with the suspect's nephew. No one else was injured during the incident.

The victim has been identified as 72-year-old Alan Nielsen. Next of kin have been notified. The suspect was identified as 43-year-old James L. Mason Jr. Detectives booked Mason into the Pima County Jail on one count of Domestic Violence - First Degree Murder.

Mason's booking photo was not yet available at the time of this release. A previous booking photo from earlier this year is attached below.



James L. Mason Jr.

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